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Letter dated 2 September 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am transmitting to you herewith two appeals made by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, in his dual capacity as current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity and current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, to the Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government of the member countries of these two organizations, for emergency humanitarian assistance to the Somali people.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annexes circulated as official documents of the General Assembly, under items 88 (b) and 97 (c) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mame Balla SY
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ANNEX I

Appeal by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, to the Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for assistance to the Somali people

The civil war which is devastating Somalia was already capturing the attention of the Islamic Ummah at the last summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at Dakar in December 1991.

The international community as a whole has been mobilizing for the past several months in various ways to ensure that coordinated action is taken by the United Nations to provide every assistance to the Somali people, who are in the throes of a terrible fratricidal war which has already caused many innocent victims.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference has combined its efforts with those of other regional organizations in making its contribution to the quest for political solutions to the Somali crisis leading to a lasting peace which will ensure security within Somalia's borders.

At present, it is urgently necessary to mobilize technical, financial and other material resources to provide the Somali people, especially the children, women, elderly and invalids, with emergency supplies of food and medicines and care of various kinds, as part of the movement of international support for the Somali people which has manifested itself throughout the world.

As current Chairman of our organization, I am making a pressing appeal to each of the Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for the appropriate organization in each country of the Ummah of specific supportive actions to assist the Somali people, such as the dispatch to Somalia of food, medicines or any other donation capable of effectively reducing the suffering of the Somali people.

Each Sovereign or Head of State or Government of the Ummah who decides to join in this Islamic and international action of solidarity should inform the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference of the form and means of its contribution and the date on which it will begin.

I have no doubt that this appeal which I am making on behalf of the Islamic Ummah as a whole will unfailingly elicit from each of the Sovereigns and Heads of State or Government of the member countries a favourable response on a par with the Somali tragedy.

ANNEX II

Appeal by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, to the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Organization of African Unity for assistance to the Somali people

The civil war which is devastating Somalia has already captured the attention of Africa, in particular at the 28th summit of the Organization of African Unity.

The international community as a whole has been mobilizing for the past several months in various ways to ensure that coordinated action is taken by the United Nations to provide every assistance to the Somali people, who are in the throes of a terrible fratricidal war which has already caused many innocent victims.

The Organization of African Unity has combined its efforts with those of other regional organizations in making its contribution to the quest for political solutions to the Somali crisis leading to a lasting peace which will ensure security within Somalia's borders.

At present, it is urgently necessary to mobilize technical, financial and other material resources to provide the Somali people, especially the children, women, elderly and invalids, with emergency supplies of food and medicines and care of various kinds, as part of the movement of international support for the Somali people which has manifested itself throughout the world.

As current Chairman of our continental organization, I am making a pressing appeal to each of the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Organization of African Unity for the appropriate organization in each African country of specific supportive actions to assist the Somali people, such as the dispatch to Somalia of food, medicines or any other donation capable of effectively reducing the suffering of the Somali people.

Each African Government which decides to join in this African and international action of solidarity should inform the secretariat of the Organization of African Unity of the form and means of its contribution and the date on which it will begin.

I have no doubt that this appeal which I am making on behalf of Africa as a whole will unfailingly elicit from each of the Governments of the member countries a favourable response on a par with the Somali tragedy.

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